

RETURNS SHOW STEADY DRIFT TO PRESIDENT RECOUNT PLACES NEW HAMPSHIRE ON DEMOCRATIC SIDE

NEW HAMPSHIRE SWINGS TO DEMOCRATIC COLUMN

Gross Errors in Count Change State From Hughes to Wilson Column--In Spite of Victory in That State, Democrats Ask for Recount of Vote.

(By Associated Press.)
Concord, N. H., Nov. 9.—With two precincts missing the count in New Hampshire at noon gave Wilson a lead of 121. This was based on certified returns to the secretary of state from 238 precincts and press returns from 54.
The vote was: Wilson 43,842; Hughes 43,721.
The secretary of state corrected his earlier statement in which he said the state was complete. The two towns unreported cast a very small vote.

(By Associated Press.)
Concord, N. H., Nov. 9.—With returns complete but only partially verified officially Wilson led New Hampshire this morning by 93 votes, according to Secretary of State Bean. Discovery of errors in the official report was a factor in reversing the lead which Hughes had last night, he said. Mr. Bean said returns from other points might further change the result.
The official figures from 57 of these missing districts have been received, but Mr. Bean gave no total figures. The totals on which his preliminary statement was made, he said, were based on newspaper and unofficial reports.

"We found several errors," said Secretary Bean. "One clerk in ward 8, Concord, reported the vote of that place as Hughes 225; Wilson 88."
"Our knowledge of local conditions made us doubt this result. Investigation showed it was Wilson 225 and Hughes 88. We are scanning the returns closely, realizing that a change in the totals might not only change the result in the state but in the nation."

The Democrats, when Hughes was leading last night are said to have demanded a recount.

DEMAND A RECOUNT

(By Associated Press.)
New York, Nov. 9.—Henry Morgenthau, in charge of Democratic headquarters, this morning said that a recount would be needed in New Hampshire. This, he said, would be done in spite of the figures this morning showing Wilson leading by 93 votes. Owing to complications in that state, he said, a recount would be necessary. Instructions to the Democratic committee in New Hampshire to demand a recount had already gone forward, he said.

WILSON HAS SMALL LEAD

(By Associated Press.)
San Francisco, Nov. 9.—Five thousand and three hundred and sixty four out of 5,917 precincts in California gave Hughes 436,839; Wilson 441,362, a

ABERNETHY-ROCKETT CASE SETTLED TODAY

The case of Mr. Jones Abernethy and Mr. Bruce Rockett, two prominent citizens of the county, were settled this morning without the production of any witnesses, according to City Attorney Jos. L. Murphy, Jr. Each was fined a penny and costs. The charge against them was assault with deadly weapon, which is a misdemeanor and is subject to a fine of \$25 or imprisonment, in the discretion of the court. The men pleaded guilty.
The affray occurred beyond Brookford on Thursday, October 12, and was the result, it was stated at the time, of a difference in politics.
Just why Judge Campbell declined to call witnesses or to have a public trial, Mr. Murphy was unable to learn, but he felt that as the case came before the recorder's court he, as prosecutor, should have been notified.

CONGRESS CLOSE DEMOCRATS LEADING

(By Associated Press.)
Nov. 9.—Although the Democrats are assured control of the house by a working majority control, the house was still in doubt at an early hour today. The Democrats had made slight gains, however, in the late returns in Montana and Kansas. At 1 o'clock 205 Democrats, 201 Republicans, two Progressives, one Socialist and one Independent had been elected by 25 congressional districts yet to be heard from.
In the senate four present Democratic members, according to the latest indications have been defeated. They are Senators Kern and Taggart of Indiana, Martine of New Jersey and Chilton of West Virginia. Three Republican senators, Lippitt of Rhode Island, Clark of Wyoming and Sutherland of Utah, also have lost their seats on the basis of the returns.
The defeat of Senator Kern of Indiana by Harry S. New, former chairman of the Republican national committee, takes from the Democrats its organization its floor leader. Among Democratic senators mentioned for the succession are Saulsbury of Delaware, Martin of Virginia, Walsh of Montana and Underwood of Alabama.

In Tuesday's election the Democrats elected 16 senators and the Republicans 16 with one state yet to be heard from. The senators who were chosen, according to the latest indications were:

Arizona—Henry F. Ashurst, Democrat.
Arkansas—William F. Kirby, Democrat.
California—Hiram W. Johnson, Republican.
Connecticut—George P. McLean, Republican.
Delaware—Josiah O. Wolcott, Democrat.
Florida—Park M. Trammell, Democrat.
Indiana—Long term: Harry S. New, Republican; short term, James E. Watson, Republican.
Maine—(Elected in September) long term: Fredrick Hale, Republican. Short term Bert. M. Fernald, Republican.
Maryland—Joseph I. France, Republican.
Michigan—Charles E. Townsend, Republican.
Minnesota—Frank B. Kellogg, Republican.
Mississippi—John Sharp Williams, Democrat.
Missouri—James A. Reed, Democrat.
Montana—Henry L. Myers, Democrat.
Nebraska—Gilbert M. Hitchcock, Democrat.
Nevada—Key Pittman, Democrat.
New Jersey—Joseph S. Frelinghuysen, Republican.
New Mexico—Undecided.
New York—William M. Calder, Republican.
North Dakota—Porter J. McCumber, Republican.
Ohio—Atlee Pomerene, Democrat.
Pennsylvania—Philander C. Knox, Republican.
Rhode Island—Peter Goelet Gerry, Democrat.
Tennessee—Kenneth D. McKellar, Democrat.
Texas—Charles A. Culberson, Democrat.
Utah—William King, Democrat.
Vermont—Carroll S. Page, Republican.
Virginia—Claude A. Swanson, Democrat.
Washington—Miles Poindexter, Republican.
West Virginia—Howard Sutherland, Republican.
Wisconsin—Robert M. LaFollette, Democrat.
Wyoming—John B. Kendrick, Democrat.
Total—35.

ROOSEVELT NOT POPULAR
Washington, Nov. 9.—Theodore Roosevelt is not the popular idol in Washington that he once was. His picture was displayed on the screen in front of the Washington Post before at least 10,000 people watching the election returns. Not one hand-clap was given the former president.

STATE TEACHERS PLANNING BIG MEETING

Raleigh, Nov. 9.—The thirty-third annual session of the North Carolina Teachers' Assembly will open November 29 and run through December 1 in Raleigh.
Three weeks from that date the city's commercial organizations and the officers of the state superintendent of public instruction are working toward the biggest of all the assemblies and Raleigh last year broke all previous records in attendance. Dr. J. Y. Joyner has issued a letter to the city superintendents and members of the city boards of education asking them as co-workers to join him in a conference of county and city superintendents and county and city boards of education.
The department of school boards makes ten organizations under the Assembly. There are nine other professional bodies and this latest for the discussion of the common problems of school administration promises to be one of the liveliest and most interesting of all the sessions. Dr. Joyner is urging attendance and the railroads have made low rates for those who will be here. Fully fifteen hundred teachers are expected.
The state superintendent is asking the school authorities in all parts of the state to allow such teachers as desire to attend the sessions in Raleigh, to come here without loss of salary for the time absent, for Friday, December 1. He joins the assembly in this request of the boards. The teachers will receive Thanksgiving as a holiday and will not lose that day. Many of them have found it impossible to attend before because of the loss of time.
The 1916 assembly is rich in speaking attractions. Governor Bumbaugh of Pennsylvania, Governor Craig of North Carolina, and Governor-elect Bickett of North Carolina will make addresses. Dr. W. J. Bagley of the University of Illinois speaks twice and Dr. T. H. Briggs of Columbia University, New York, will make two addresses.
The Russian Symphony Orchestra comes to Raleigh Tuesday November 28, ahead of the assembly one day, but the music is expected to be heard to come a day earlier and to bring many other teachers who will hear this band of 65 pieces. The music that stirs the soldiers in the trenches will be played by this native Russian orchestra and this great offering of Mederith College will be opportunity of a lifetime to hear one of the finest aggregations that ever played on this continent. The railroads and the hotels make big concessions to the assembly.

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GERMAN ATTACK ON SOMME FAILS

(By Associated Press.)
Paris, Nov. 9.—A German attack on the Somme front was repulsed last night after a brief encounter, the war office announces today. There was great activity of the artillery during the night.

MR. GEORGE IS OWNER OF THORNTON HOME

Mr. John J. George of Cherryville, well known bond dealer and Lenoir College graduate and booster, has purchased the Thornton home place on Twelfth street and Thirteenth avenue from Mr. Z. B. Buchanan and associates and will move here the first of December to make Hickory his home. The consideration was \$10,000. This is one of the finest pieces of residential property in the city and will be greatly improved by Mr. George, who will be given a cordial welcome to Hickory.

NEWS FROM TENTH CHEERS
DEMOCRATIC HEADQUARTERS
Raleigh, Nov. 9.—State headquarters took heart again from the tenth when an estimate of 300 majority for Weaver offset earlier advices that 100 would be the maximum expectancy.
The other news was trifling. Sampson sent word that she had reduced her son, George Butler's majority to 1,234 and Franklin continued to clamor for Bickett. (Person county went legislative Republican and swelled the number of that faith to 14, according to reports.)

STATE CARRIED BY 50,000 MARGIN

Raleigh, Nov. 9.—Practically official returns for majorities in 71 counties received at State Democratic headquarters shows a total Democratic majority for these counties of 43,500. Chairman Warren estimates that the remaining 29 counties will give 7,000 majority additional, making the grand total of Democratic majorities for the state more than 50,000. The counties of Halifax, Pitt, Northampton and a number of strong Democratic counties and included in these still unreported. There are 13 counties having Republican majorities including the calculation of the majorities.

A notable telegram came last night from Sampson showing that Sampson had reduced her Republican majority two years ago of 1,700 to 1,230. This will show one of the very biggest Democratic gains in the state, but for two years and not four as required in winning the silk banner to be awarded. Indications are that this trophy lies between Union and Wake counties, but the official returns have to be in hand before the award is announced.

Democratic gains in numbers of counties over the majorities reported to headquarters constrain the state chairman to advance his figures from 4,000 to 8,000. He estimated that the majority would be. The vote for Bickett was especially strong and is showing up much more in line with that for President Wilson than was expected; Bickett having proven especially popular with the people.
All 10 of the congressmen are Democrats. Chairman Warren says, with Zeb Weaver defeating Britt, Republican, in the tenth with the least majority of 300, and with Doughton maintaining his 2,000 majority in the eighth over Williams, and the other eight Democrats receiving majorities ranging from 4,000 to 8,000. He expressed the utmost confidence that Weaver is safe in the tenth.

CARLOAD OF COAL READY TO DISTRIBUTE

Capt. D. G. Coy, in charge of the Volunteers' home here said today that he had received the carload of coal donated the cause by a friend in Virginia and that it was ready for the poor of Hickory. Pastors of the various churches and superintendents of the Sunday schools who may want coal for the needy in their congregations may telephone Captain Coy and the coal is at their disposal. The city paid the freight on the car, and the coal will come in good during the winter.

MARKETS

COTTON FUTURES			
	Open	Close	
December	19.43	19.58	
January	19.38	19.59	
March	19.48	19.74	
May	19.68	19.91	
July	19.68	19.85	

HICKORY MARKETS

Cotton	13c
Wheat	\$1.70

CHICAGO WHEAT

(By Associated Press.)
Chicago, Nov. 9.—Reports that British exports have amounted to several million bushels did a good deal to lift wheat prices here. December sold at 1.87 to 1.87 3-4 and May sold at 1.88 to 1.89 3-4 were followed by a decided change all around.

THE WEATHER

For North Carolina: Increasing cloudiness tonight and Friday Local rains and cooler moderate, variable winds.

FARMERS' UNION TO DISCUSS CREDITS

Raleigh, Nov. 9.—The North Carolina Farmers Union convention meets in Raleigh, Tuesday, November 14, and runs through Thursday of the next week, announces instead of a crowded program of speaking attractions, measures of paramount importance which will attract a large representation here.

Of course, the speakers will be here F. J. H. von Engelken, director of U. S. mint, Washington is claimed for a discussion of the rural credit act and this will be one of the great measures which will be up during the three days session. National President C. S. Barrett has accepted his invitation and will be on the program.
The meetings will be held in the Wake county courthouse, Raleigh, and Dr. H. Q. Alexander, state president, will preside. The varied features of the union's business will be transacted and then something in form of a working program will be presented. In a letter this week President Alexander declares that "the work of paramount importance in 1917 is to establish in every community some form of cooperation."

This is a phase of union activity upon which Dr. Clarence Poe has written a notable work and in which the union has contributed so large through the efforts of Prof. W. C. Crosby, educational secretary. Many communities have been organized in the state. The parent body will throw its great power behind the movement.

Secretary Faires directs attention to the meeting of the county business agents and warehouse managers for the purpose of effecting closer co-operation between the county unions in marketing and buying. This will be one of the big features.
The railroads have agreed to grant rates and a material reduction is offered. To this end Secretary Faires urges the Union to purchase return trip tickets to receive this benefit. The carriers have for years given these rates and they make the trip to the conventional city much more economical. Four hundred delegates are expected here.

GUARDS ARE PLACED

(By Associated Press.)
Oakland, Nov. 9.—Members of the local Democratic state central committee established a guard today at the local court house where Alameda's county ballots are being tabulated.

RUSSIANS FORCE FIGHTING IN RUMANIA

Petrograd, Nov. 9.—Continuing their offensive in Dobrudja, Russian troops have driven back advance detachments of Field Marshal Von Mackensen's forces and made progress southward, the war office announced today.

PASTORS OF HICKORY TO MEET TOMORROW

The pastors of Hickory, Dr. J. L. Murphy president of the Ministerial Association announced today, will meet at the Chamber of Commerce Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock to take some concerted action regarding the scarlet fever situation in Hickory. The churches have been requested to discontinue the Sunday schools for a period of two weeks and the pastors will determine what to do. Several already have indicated an intention of closing the schools for a Sunday or two.

ROWAN'S DEMOCRATS LEAD KEPT AROUND SIX HUNDRED

Salisbury, Nov. 9.—Returns from rural Rowan were slow coming in, but the last precinct was heard from and the Democratic majority is kept around 600, some of the candidates, notably Sheriff Krider, running up to 800 majority. Congressman Dough-ton's majority is 650 in the county.

WILSON MAINTAINS LEAD IN PRESIDENTIAL RACE

Incomplete Returns Give President 251 and Hughes 243—California and South Dakota Show Trend to Wilson—Returns Late This Afternoon May Elect.

(By Associated Press.)
New York, Nov. 9.—If the result of the incomplete returns of Tuesday's balloting are acceptable as final in all but five states at noon today, the electoral vote would give President Wilson 251 and Mr. Hughes 243. The five doubtful states are:
California 13.
Minnesota 12.
New Mexico 3.
New Hampshire 4.
North Dakota 5.
The sudden switch of New Hampshire from a small Hughes plurality to Mr. Wilson has tentatively changed the situation this afternoon. It seemed from announcement of the secretary of state that a partial official count of all the districts disclosed errors in the tabulations and wards. The official count is still progressing. In Minnesota and New Mexico the incomplete returns show Hughes to have a lead, while in California and North Dakota Wilson is leading.
The returns from doubtful western states are delayed and not expected to be available before late today.

LOOKS LIKE WILSON

(By Associated Press.)
 Fargo, N. D., Nov. 9.—Of the remaining precincts to be heard from 78 are in the extreme northwestern counties from which returns so far are approximately two to one for Wilson. The unreported districts are for the most part remote from communicative centers.

HAS SLIGHT LEAD

(By Associated Press.)
San Francisco, Nov. 9.—5,561 of the 5,917 precincts in California gave Hughes 446,684; Wilson 350,524. Wilson's plurality is 3,840.

WILSON IS LEADING

(By Associated Press.)
San Francisco, Nov. 9.—Complete returns from the 604 precincts in the city of San Francisco on the presidential race gave Wilson 78,471; Hughes 63,357, a majority for President Wilson of 15,114.

HUGHES AHEAD

(By Associated Press.)
Santa Fe, Nov. 9.—Unofficial returns from 336 precincts of the 638 in New Mexico today showed Charles E. Hughes still maintaining a slight lead over President Wilson. The total is: Hughes 14,794; Wilson 14,794.

Some Anxiety Felt Over Shortage of 25 Votes in South Ward of Hickory

The vote in the South ward of Hickory showed that Greene, Republican, secured 577 votes and Webb, Democrat, 440. The Republican county ticket secured 574 votes, three less than the congressional ticket, and the Democratic ticket received 418, making it 24 less than the congressional ticket. The discrepancy was not 50, as first reported, but the question is under investigation and a conference is being held at Newton today to determine whether the Democrats will take no action in the matter.
Democrats and Republicans today were busy trying to account for a discrepancy of 25 votes in the South ward of Hickory, where the Democratic county ticket was short several votes. The state and national tickets, according to the returns, were just half a hundred votes ahead of the county ticket.
There are two ways of explaining the situation. One is that in making up the Democratic tickets, the men responsible for this work neglected to put the county ticket in the roll

536.
Among the missing are Eddy and Roosevelt counties, strongly Democratic. Great difficulty was experienced in securing returns. In the remote sections of the state ballot boxes were closed at midnight and no additional returns were available early today.
Missing counties also include seven nominally Democratic and six nominally Republican and also two in which the majorities are small and variable. Several of these are remote and the outer portions of all of them are without telegraph or telephone communication.

NEW HAMPSHIRE SAFE

(By Associated Press.)
Concord, N. H., Nov. 9.—New Hampshire complete but only partially certified to the secretary of state gives Hughes 43,732; Wilson 43,842. Wilson's plurality 117.

CALIFORNIA CLAIMED

(By Associated Press.)
San Francisco, Nov. 9.—A member of the state Democratic committee issued the following statement in behalf of the chairman of the state committee:
"We have California. We are absolutely positive. The chairman is checking up my figures throughout the night and so far has found them correct. These states show we have the state. Conceding that Los Angeles county gives Hughes a 22,000 lead, we still carry California by 500 votes."

WEST VIRGINIA FOR HUGHES

(By Associated Press.)
Charleston, W. Va., Nov. 9.—Returns from 1,334 precincts out of 1,713 in West Virginia give Hughes 115,550; Wilson 111,380.

FOURTH CONFERENCE METHODIST CHURCH

Members of the First Methodist church are requested to attend the fourth quarterly conference in the church tonight. This will be the last regular meeting before the Western conference and it is hoped that every member will be present.